



San Diego Unified SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please Read the below message from the San Diego Unified School District.

As part of San Diego Unified's commitment to provide safe and quality schools in all neighborhoods, the district has been sampling drinking water for elevated levels of lead. In July 2017, the Board of Education adopted a drinking water remediation plan that reduced the district's lead action level to 5 parts per billion (ppb) from 15 ppb. This new action level is the lowest among California school districts and matches the Food and Drug Administration's standard for bottled drinking water.

Following strict protocols, drinking water samples were drawn from all remaining drinking water outlets on campus and sent to a certified lab for analysis. The district has received results indicating some sample results exceed the district's action level of 5ppb. The water fountain in your child's room was identified as on needing action.

The district is investigating the source(s) of lead and is immediately taking the necessary precautions to ensure that students and staff remain safe. These steps include:

1. Securing fountains, sinks and fixtures where lead is identified until additional water sample results verify that the source(s) of lead have been identified and remedied.
2. Committing to keep students, families and the broader San Diego Unified community apprised of developments.
3. Communicating additional information as it becomes available.

Those interested in viewing detailed water sampling reports, learning more about the district's water sampling effort, or learning more about lead poisoning prevention, may visit www.sandiegounified.org/watersampling.

Bottled water has been provided to all affected classrooms. I encourage all students to bring in refillable water bottles until the fountains are remedied.

If you have questions, please contact the school district's Safety Office via email at safetyoffice@sandi.net or by telephone at 858-627-7174.

Sincerely,

Marco Drapeau

Principal

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